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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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Allergy alert: Undeclared wheat in ice cream mix up. Iowa's Wells Enterprises is recalling a limited number of packages of its 5.5 fluid ounce Blue Bunny Personals ice cream because they were mispackaged and contain undeclared wheat, Food Safety News reported October 28. In its recall announcement, the company said the lids on a limited number of packages describe the product as Blue Bunny Super Chunky Cookie Dough ice cream, while the carton portion of the package describes the product as Blue Bunny Peanut Butter Panic ice cream. However, the product inside the carton is Super Chunky Cookie Dough. The ingredient statement on the carton does not declare wheat, which is an ingredient in the Super Chunky Cookie Dough ice cream. Wells Enterprises became aware of the packaging error after receiving a report from a store that the lid and cup were for different products. The recalled ice cream was shipped to Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Dakota, Tennessee, Florida, Wisconsin, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Texas. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-wheat-in-ice-cream/>

3 injured in chemical reaction at north Grand Forks business. Three workers were taken to Altru Hospital with injuries after a chemical reaction at a northern Grand Forks, North Dakota business October 27. A fire battalion chief said the extent of the workers' injuries was not known by the evening of October 27. The fire department and Altru Ambulance were called to Western Polymer at 2250 Mill Road at about 5 p.m. They were not completely cleared from the scene until about 8:45 p.m. Western Polymer is a supplier of potato starches to the paper industry. The fire battalion chief said a reaction occurred when different chemicals were being mixed. Chlorine gas apparently filled the air, but did not pose any serious threat to the public, he said. Two fire rigs, a haz-mat crew, 14 firefighters, and at least one Altru ambulance responded. Source: http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/10989/publisher_ID/30/

Reservoir releases cut to 1,800 cfs. Releases from Jamestown Dam in Stutsman County, North Dakota were reduced to 800 cubic feet per second (cfs) October 21, according to a press release from the Jamestown engineer's office. Pipestem Dam releases continue at 1,000 cfs for a combined 1,800 cfs. This completes the first 4 days of release reductions lowering the water flowing out of the Jamestown Dam from the 1,400 cfs maintained since August. Reductions planned for October 25 will bring the releases from the Jamestown Dam to 650 cfs with 850 cfs from the Pipestem Dam for a combined 1,500 cfs. Reductions in releases from the dams are done in stages to prevent the river banks from sloughing or collapsing into the river, officials said. City personnel will begin to remove storm sewer pumps from along the river, and breaching the dikes built in August. The dikes themselves will be removed if the surrounding area is dry enough to support equipment. In wet areas, dike removal will occur after the ground has frozen — most likely in November. Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/146840/>

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(Minnesota) Monticello nuclear plant automatically shuts down. Operators of the Monticello nuclear power plant in Monticello, Minnesota, were investigating what caused a transformer to lock out, prompting the plant to automatically shut down October 21. Xcel Energy Inc. said the plant shut down safely that afternoon, and that the shutdown was not expected to last long. Xcel said the transformer lockout briefly interrupted non-safety-related power from the grid to part of the site. The company said all plant safety systems functioned as designed, and there is no danger to the public or plant workers. Source:

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QH0AI00.htm>

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Nothing Significant to Report

INTERNATIONAL

U.N. official: Undeclared chemical agent sites identified in Libya. The former regime in Libya possessed facilities with chemical munitions or warfare agents that were not declared to the international organization assigned to ensure the elimination of such toxic materials, the Associated Press quoted the United Nations' lead envoy to the North African state as saying October 26. Libya joined the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2004, declaring close to 25 metric tons of mustard blister agent, nearly 1,400 metric tons of precursor materials and more than 3,500 unloaded munitions, according to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). A technical problem forced the suspension of disposal operations shortly before the February uprising that led to the death last week of Libya's longtime dictator. The nation has been believed to still hold roughly 9 metric tons of the blister agent. The United Nations is working to ensure cooperation between Libya's transitional government and other groups on securing sensitive materials in Libya, which include a stock of raw uranium, the Libyan envoy told the U.N. Security Council. "It has become clearer that there are additional sites with previously undeclared chemical weapons or materials that the government is about to formally declare" to the OPCW, he said. Source:

http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20111027_8018.php

Real IRA admits bomb attacks on Northern Ireland banks. The Real IRA has admitted bombing two banks in Northern Ireland as well as the UK City of Culture office in Derry, and has warned that it will continue to target economic interests. In a statement sent October 25 to the Guardian and laced with anti-capitalist rhetoric, the Real IRA said the bombings and future targeting of the banking system were its response to bankers' "greed" and were meant "to send out the message that while the Irish national and class struggles are distinct, they are not separate". The attacks and the language used to justify them appeared designed to tap into the widespread public loathing of banks on both sides of the Irish border. The republican dissident group was unapologetic about bombing the office of the UK City of Culture 2013 in Derry the week of October 17. In its most bellicose warning yet, the Real IRA said: "The IRA has recently

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carried out a number of bomb attacks on the banking establishment. Such attacks are an integral part of our strategy of targeting the financial infrastructure that supports the British government's capitalist colonial system in Ireland. The impetus to carry out this type of attack is directly linked to pressure from working-class communities in Ireland as a whole." In May 2011, masked men threw a bag containing a device into Santander's branch in Derry. In August 2011, a bomb was thrown into a Santander branch in Hill Street, Newry. A Real IRA bomb caused major damage to a branch of the Ulster Bank in Derry in 2010. The terror group attempted to link the banks to the Police Service of Northern Ireland. In September 2010, the Real IRA had issued a warning that banks and bankers could be targeted. Source:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/oct/25/real-ira-admits-attacks-banks>

Grenade attack at Nairobi bar wounds 13. A grenade exploded in a Nairobi, Kenya bar October 24 wounding 13 people, 2 days after Kenya's U.S. embassy warned of an imminent attack there as the east African nation fights Islamist militants in neighboring Somalia. The embassy had warned of an imminent threat of reprisal attacks on places where foreigners are known to congregate, such as shopping malls and night clubs. The Kenyan police commissioner said there was no firm evidence yet to link the attack to Somalia's al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab rebels, and senior officials from the group declined to comment. Al Shabaab had threatened major reprisals if Kenyan troops did not leave the anarchic Horn of Africa nation, and have launched large-scale attacks in the past in Somalia and Uganda, for which they have quickly claimed responsibility.

Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/nationworld/sns-rt-us-kenya-somalia-grenadetre79n3fo-20111024,0,6713305.story>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

FINRA fines UBS securities \$12 million for regulation SHO violations and supervisory failures.

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) announced October 15 it fined UBS Securities LLC \$12 million for violating Regulation SHO (Reg SHO) and failing to properly supervise short sales of securities. As a result of these violations, millions of short sale orders were mismarked and/or placed to the market without reasonable grounds to believe the securities could be borrowed and delivered. Reg SHO requires a broker-dealer to have reasonable grounds to believe the security could be borrowed and available for delivery before accepting or effecting a short sale order. The FINRA found UBS' Reg SHO supervisory system regarding locates and the marking of sale orders was significantly flawed and resulted in a systemic supervisory failure that contributed to Reg SHO failures across its equities trading business. First, FINRA found UBS placed millions of short sale orders to the market without locates, including in securities known to be hard to borrow. These violations extended to many trading systems, desks, accounts and strategies, and impacted UBS' technology, operations, and supervisory systems and procedures. Second, FINRA found UBS mismarked millions of sale orders in its trading systems. Many orders were short sales mismarked as "long," resulting in additional significant violations of Reg SHO's locate requirement. Third, FINRA found UBS had significant deficiencies related to its aggregation units that may have contributed to additional significant order-marking and locate violations. As a result of its supervisory failures, many of UBS' violations were not detected or corrected until after the FINRA's investigation caused UBS

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to conduct a substantive review of systems and monitoring procedures for Reg SHO compliance. FINRA found UBS' supervisory framework over its equities trading business was not reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the requirements of Reg SHO and other securities laws, rules and regulations until at least 2009. In concluding this settlement, UBS neither admitted nor denied the charges, but consented to the entry of the FINRA's findings.

Source:

[http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124806?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+\(FINRA+News\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124806?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+(FINRA+News)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Manufacturers must report on 15 chemicals. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has asked chemical manufacturers and importers to provide screening level hazard and risk characteristics of 15 high production volume (HPV) chemicals to determine if greater regulation of the use of the chemicals is warranted. In a final rule published in the October 21 issue of the Federal Register and effective November 21, the EPA said a chemical is determined as having an HPV if more than 1 million pounds of it are produced in, or imported to, the United States in 1 year. The 15 chemicals account for 95 percent of total chemical production in the nation the agency indicated. Some 29 HPV chemical substances had been proposed for testing, but the EPA determined that only 15 meet the criteria for testing at this time. The tests the agency is requiring include: five tests for physical/chemical properties and biodegradation; ecotoxicity; acute toxicity; genetic toxicity including gene mutations and chromosomal aberrations; repeat dose toxicity; and developmental and reproductive toxicity. Source:

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/10/24/40887.htm>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Georgia; Maryland) Occupy Atlanta, Baltimore clash with police over use of public space. As Occupy Oakland protesters and police clashed over the use of a plaza late October 25 in Oakland, California, Occupy protests heated up in other cities over the use of public space, the Washington Post reported October 26. In Atlanta, around 50 protesters were arrested after the mayor revoked his executive order allowing protesters to camp out in Woodruff Park, and police tried to clear them out. In Baltimore, protesters were enraged after city officials declared October 26 that overnight camping is now illegal at the downtown McKeldin Square. In Atlanta and Baltimore, Woodruff Park and McKeldin Square are both fully public spaces. Woodruff Park is a well-known public space in Atlanta, filled with fountains, a performance pavilion and several monuments. McKeldin Square in Baltimore, also a public space, is part of the city's famous Inner Harbor. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/blogpost/post/occupy-atlanta-baltimore-clash-with-police-over-use-of-public-space/2011/10/26/gIQADMSiIM_blog.html

(California) Police clear Occupy Oakland camps, arrest dozens. Police in Oakland, California swept through Occupy Oakland's encampment in a plaza outside city hall and a second, smaller

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camp nearby early October 25, arresting 85 people who were protesting as part of a nationwide movement against economic inequality and corporate greed. City officials said they had been forced to clear the encampments because of sanitary and public safety concerns. Several hundred officers from at least 10 law enforcement agencies began making arrests shortly before 5 a.m. and removing tents and makeshift shelters at the Occupy Oakland protest at Frank Ogawa Plaza near 14th Street and Broadway. By 5:05 a.m., the bulk of the arrests had been completed, and arrestees were led away in plastic handcuffs. Most were arrested for unlawful assembly and illegal lodging, police said. At 6:15 a.m., police arrested at least six protesters at a smaller encampment at Snow Park at 19th and Harrison streets near Lake Merritt. Officers fired two or three nonlethal projectiles from a shotgun at protesters who lobbed bottles, cans and other objects, authorities said. One officer lobbed tear gas at the encampment. No injuries were reported. As the arrests unfolded, Bay Area Rapid Transit suspended service at the nearby 12th Street City Center Station. The station reopened at about 6:30 a.m. AC Transit also rerouted a number of buses around the protest, and parts of Broadway were closed to traffic. City officials asked downtown businesses to consider allowing their employees to "delay their arrival" October 25 to allow work crews to clean up the plaza. City employees were asked to come in later as well. Officials initially waived city laws that ban camping and allowed the occupation of the plaza. But since October 20, the city has issued a series of orders for protesters to vacate the area, citing concerns about fire hazards, sanitation issues, graffiti, drug use, and violence. Officials said protesters had plugged power cords into city utility poles and had denied access to emergency responders who needed to get into the plaza. The city was also alarmed by the activists' decision to try to police themselves with a volunteer security team. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/10/25/BAUB1LLTC9.DTL&tsp=1>

(Florida) Police arrest 19 Orlando protesters on trespass charges. Police arrested 19 anti-Wall Street protesters in Orlando, Florida before dawn October 22 on trespass charges for sitting in a city park after hours despite warnings to leave, police said. An Orlando police lieutenant said police warned members of the Occupy Orlando group several times they would be arrested if they refused to leave the park when it closed. But protesters chose to remain in violation of the posted hours. Those arrested face a first-degree misdemeanor charge punishable by up to 1 year in jail, and a \$1,000 fine. Officials said an average of 50 protesters normally walk on the sidewalk in shifts overnight, which is permitted. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/22/us-wallstreet-protests-orlando-idUSTRE79L26520111022>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

FCC issues final guidelines for nationwide EAS test. The Federal Communications Commission has posted its final Emergency Alert System (EAS) handbook for the nation's first EAS test that's scheduled for November 9th. The handbook was prepared as a guide to broadcasters, cable television systems, wireless cable systems, wireline video providers, satellite digital audio radio service providers, and direct broadcast satellite service providers, all of whom are required by law to participate in the test. The handbook supersedes all previous EAS handbooks only during

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the operation of the nationwide EAS test. The emergency exercise of the EAS will take place November 9 at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time, or 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/fcc-issues-final-guidelines-for-nationwide-eas-test/bf9b3c8fde0b9a04db1424a1ce7105d6.html>

Anonymous threatens Fox News Web site over Occupy coverage. Anonymous plans to take down the Fox News Web site on November 5, according to a new video apparently released by the hacker group. The group said it is targeting the network for what it called biased news coverage of the Occupy Wall Street protests occurring in cities across the country. The group had earlier vowed to take down Facebook November 5 as well, although there was some question about the credibility of that threat within Anonymous. Hackers aligned with the group have succeeded in releasing personal information about a former Citigroup and Goldman Sachs executive, as well as the CEOs of Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase, and Goldman Sachs. They also released information on a New York police officer accused of unprovoked and excessive use of pepper spray on people at the protests, which began September 17 in New York. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-20125628-83/anonymous-threatens-fox-news-web-site-over-occupy-coverage/?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1_3-0-20

(Indiana) Police: Thieves cutting phone lines. Thieves removed about 2,000 feet of telephone line in Floyd County, Indiana, in the last week, the Floyd County sheriff said October 24. Wires have been cut along Corydon Pike, Borden Road, Budd Road, and twice along Moser Knob Road. According to police, the thefts have cost AT&T about \$75,000. The sheriff said the thieves are likely stripping the rubber coating and selling the large-gauge copper. It is estimated the total street value of the stolen copper is \$1,500 to \$2,500. "It has caused an interruption of service for a lot of people," the sheriff said. The wires are possibly being cut with a saw where they stretch between poles, police said. While copper thefts have been a growing problem in recent years because of the price of precious metals, these thefts are rare. The sheriff said the only way the thieves could reach the wires is by using a bucket truck and/or utility worker equipment, such as a harness and boots with climbing spikes. Because the wire is so heavy, police believe more than one person is involved. Cutting the wires can also potentially be dangerous since other types of wires are often near telephone lines. The sheriff said AT&T contractors were out the week of October 24 replacing the wires. Source: <http://newsandtribune.com/local/x717133437/Police-Thieves-cutting-phone-lines>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Hand Trucks recalled by Harper Trucks due to injury hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Harper Trucks Inc., of Wichita, Kansas, announced October 27 a voluntary recall of about 292,000 hand trucks. When the tires are overinflated they can explode causing the wheel hub to separate or break, ejecting pieces of the hub. This poses an injury hazard to bystanders. Harper Trucks has received 19 reports of overinflated tires exploding that resulted in 19 injuries, including broken bones, loss of sight in one eye, contusions, and lacerations. "Harper Truck" and the model number can be found on an adhesive sticker on the hand truck frame's cross member. Hand trucks with two-piece, gray

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metal wheels are not included in this recall. The recalled models include, K52K16 P Handle 1-piece, composite; JEDTK1935P Dual Hand/Platform Truck (Convertible) 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated; 51TK19 Dual Handles 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated; BKTAK19 P Handle 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated; and PGCSK19BLK Dual Hand 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated. The Hand Trucks were sold at the Home Depot from September 2008 through March 2009, and Sam's Club from January 1993 through January 2002 for between \$28 and \$42. Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Harper for a free repair kit that includes either lock washers to secure the four bolts on the 3-piece, metal/chrome plated wheels, or new design replacement tires for the 1-piece composite tires. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12025.html?tab=recalls>

General Electric recalls gas rangetop with grill due to an explosion hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with General Electric (GE), announced October 25 a voluntary recall of about 750 GE Monogram® Pro Rangetops with Grill. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The Burners on Rangetops operating on liquefied petroleum ("LP" or propane) may fail to ignite or light if the gas control knob is left in a position between OFF and LITE, posing a risk of delayed ignition or explosion. All LP models and only natural gas models that have been converted for use with LP gas are included in the recall. GE will notify known owners of natural gas units and provide a free repair for any consumers who converted their Rangetop with Grill to LP gas. The rangetops were manufactured in Mexico and sold by GE-authorized representatives and distributors nationwide from May 2008 through August 2011. Consumers who are operating the product on LP (propane) gas should stop using the product immediately, turn off the gas supply to the product, and contact GE to schedule a free repair. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12021.html?tab=recalls>

Evergreen Enterprises recalls pourable gel fuel due to burn and flash fire hazards. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Evergreen Enterprises of Richmond, Virginia announced a voluntary recall October 25 of 23,400 bottles of Fireside Gel Fuel. The fuel was manufactured by 2 Burn Inc. of Milwaukee. The pourable fuel can ignite unexpectedly and splatter onto nearby people and objects when poured into a firepot that is still burning. This hazard can occur if the consumer does not see the flame or is not aware the firepot is still ignited. Gel fuel that splatters and ignites can pose fire and burn risks that can be fatal. Evergreen is not aware of any reports of incidents involving Fireside Gel Fuel. This recall involves pourable gel fuels packaged in 30-ounce plastic bottles and sold with or without citronella oil. The words "Fireside," "Gel Fuel," "Evergreen" and "Flag & Garden" are on the container labels. The bottles were sold by the case in quantities of 12. The gel fuel is poured into a stainless steel or ceramic cup in the center of ceramic or glass firepots or other decorative lighting devices and ignited. The bottles were sold at independent retailers across the United States from December 2010 through September 2011. Consumers should immediately stop using the pourable gel fuel and return the gel fuel to the company for a full refund. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12020.html?tab=recalls>

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NHTSA recall notice - Chevy Equinox and GMC Terrain tire pressure monitoring and regulating system. General Motors (GM) is recalling 33,964 model year 2012 Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain vehicles manufactured from July 18, 2011 through September 6, 2011 for failing to comply with the requirements of federal motor vehicle safety standards. The tire pressure warning light designed to turn on when a tire is 25 percent below recommended cold tire pressure will not illuminate until the pressure is more than 25 percent below the recommended pressure. Underinflated tires can result in tire overloading and overheating, which could lead to a blowout and possible crash. Underinflated tires can also result in premature or irregular wear, poor handling, and poor fuel economy. GM dealers will update the body control module free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during October 2011. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=11V511000&summary=true&prod_id=1243775&PrintVersion=YES

NHTSA recall notice - Harley Davidson touring bikes and trikes braking system recall. Harley-Davidson announced a recall October 24 of 250,757 model year 2009-2012 Touring, CVO Touring, and Trike vehicles manufactured from June 6, 2008 through September 16, 2011. A wide range of models are affected. The rear brake light switch may be exposed to excessive heat from the exhaust system. The heat may cause the switch to not activate the brake lamp or activate the brake lamp when no brake is applied and/or cause a brake fluid leak at the brake light switch, affecting rear brake performance. Either condition may increase the risk of a crash. Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will install a rear brake light switch kit free of charge. The safety recall was expected to begin on or about October 31. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=11V506000&summary=true&prod_id=512812&PrintVersion=YES

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Japanese defense contractor admits hackers may have snatched secrets. On October 24, Japan's largest defense contractor said it was possible some secrets had been stolen by hackers who broke into the company's network and planted malware in August. The acknowledgment came several weeks after Mitsubishi Heavy Industries MHI, confirming that scores of its servers and PCs had been infected, denied any information had been pilfered. MHI works with U.S. defense contractors to build F-15 fighter jets and other American-designed weapons for Japan's Self-Defense Forces. Previously, a U.S.-based MHI spokesman had said that although attackers had uncovered company IP addresses, the attack "was caught at an early stage." But the company now says investigation revealed a possible loss of data. "The company recently confirmed unintended transferring of some information on the company's products and technologies between servers within the company," said MHI in a statement. "Based on the finding, the company investigated the incident further and recognized the possibility of some data leakage from the server in question." The company declined to confirm that any diversion of data related to defense or nuclear technologies took place. Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/102511-japanese-defense-contractor-admits-hackers-252383.html?source=nww_rss

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Raptors grounded after Virginia pilot loses oxygen. All F-22 Raptors at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) near Anchorage, Alaska as well as Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia were under orders for a "pause in flight," after a Raptor pilot at Langley reported losing oxygen in mid-flight, KTUU 2 Anchorage reported October 21. The decision comes a month after the U.S. Air Force lifted a 4-month-long stand-down order for the entire Raptor fleet. The JBER spokesperson said base officials ordered the pause for its 40 Raptors October 20, matching the one ordered at Langley. The Air Force issued a statement on the incident October 21 embracing the authority of individual Raptor units to ground their aircraft over oxygen-system problems, which prompted the earlier fleet-wide order. Source: http://articles.ktuu.com/2011-10-21/raptors_30308696

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Down economy forces cuts, cripples police departments nationwide. By year's end, nearly 12,000 police officers will have lost their jobs and 30,000 positions in county and municipal departments will go unfilled, both direct consequences of a faltering economy that has forced deep cuts in local government budgets. The sweeping reductions, outlined in a Justice Department review to be delivered October 25 to the nation's police chiefs meeting in Chicago, put law enforcement on pace for its first job decline in 25 years. This year, the FBI reported the number of violent crimes in the United States dropped 5.5 percent last year, compared with 2009, while property crimes declined by nearly 3 percent. All four categories of violent crime declined last year, as did all categories for property-related offenses, including burglary. Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10441836/down-economy-forces-cuts-cripples-police-departments-nationwide>

(New Mexico) 2 Albuquerque police officers treated at hospital after exposure to chemicals in meth lab bust. Two police officers were treated at a hospital following a methamphetamine lab bust in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Associated Press reported October 23. A Northeast Heights apartment complex was evacuated when a unit erupted in smoke late October 21 from a meth lab. The two police officers were sent to the hospital because they were exposed to the chemicals inside the lab. The officers were complaining about itchy throats and burning noses. Police called the scene a "shake and bake" meth lab because all the ingredients were combined inside a 2-liter plastic bottle. Police said a man was arrested after he admitted to police he was making the meth to supply his habit. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2b0881e7179f4160a43c1e73ae7acfbe/NM--Meth-Lab-Bust/>

(Massachusetts) Boston police website hacked: 'It's not funny'. A Boston, Massachusetts Police Department Web site was hacked, WHDH 42 Boston reported October 23. At least 2,000 names and passwords have been posted online. The group claiming responsibility said they support the Occupy Boston movement. Boston police warned some of members that usernames and passwords were compromised. The investigation into who hacked the system was widening and the FBI was brought in to assist. Police believe the radical element that calls themselves "Anonymous" has hacked into their system along with others across the country. "Our internal

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computer system has been breached and I believe compromised," said the president of the Boston Police Patrolman's Association (BPPA). The association told members to change their passwords after the hacktivist group posted their names and passwords online. The group claimed they took aim at Boston police for their alleged unprovoked brutality. At Boston police headquarters, authorities said their Web site had not been breached, but they encouraged all members to change their passwords. Source:

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45001308/ns/technology_and_science-security/#.TqVsfnl4VWZ

(Pennsylvania) Police: Man tries to run down officers outside police station. A 49-year-old man was in custody after police in Pennsylvania said he tried to run down two officers outside an Indiana Township police station. The suspect was facing charges after the October 23 incident that occurred when officers were attempting to take his mother for a dementia commitment at a hospital. A criminal complaint said the altercation took place in the parking lot where small children and parents were attending a haunted house event. Police said the suspect arrived in his pick-up truck at 10 p.m. and tried to open the rear door of a police car to get his mother. When ordered to step back, he threatened to go get a gun. When an officer went behind the truck to obtain license plate information, the suspect put his truck in reverse and "accelerated heavily" toward the officer. Police said he pulled forward and put his truck in reverse a second time, accelerating toward an officer, and a police car. Two officers drew their guns and ordered the suspect out of the truck. He refused and locked the doors, and then an officer tried to break the driver's side window with his police baton. Police said the suspect then sped away. He turned himself in after being contacted by a police negotiator. The complaint said that after his arrest, the suspect told officers he "snapped and has mental and psychological problems." He was taken first to Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and then to the Allegheny County Jail prior to arraignment at the municipal courts building in Pittsburgh October 24. The suspect faces many charges, including aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, and making terroristic threats. Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/29568352/detail.html>

ENERGY

Chemical Safety Board: oil and gas exploration and production sites are hazardous to the public. On October 27, the Chemical Safety Board (CSB) issued recommendations to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state regulators, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the American Petroleum Institute (API) aimed at reducing fires and explosions at oil and gas exploration and production facilities. A new report from CSB identifies 26 incidents since 1983 that killed 44 people and injured 25 others under the age of 25. Three of the explosions included in the report occurred at oil and gas production facilities in Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas that killed and injured members of the public between October 2009 and April 2010. The report found children and young adults frequently socialize at oil sites in rural areas, unaware of the explosion hazards from storage tanks that contain flammable hydrocarbons like crude oil and natural gas condensate. The unintentional introduction of an ignition source (such as a match, lighter, cigarette or static electricity) near tank hatches or vents can trigger an internal tank explosion, often launching the tank into the air, killing or

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injuring people nearby. "After reviewing the work of our investigators I believe that these incidents were entirely preventable," said the CSB Chairman. "Basic security measures and warning signs — as well as more safely designed storage tanks — will essentially prevent kids from being killed in tank explosions at these sites." Source:

http://ehstoday.com/standards/concensus/csb_oil_production_hazardous_1027/

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Sauces recalled due to misbranding. An Oklahoma company is recalling about 8,888 pounds of frozen meat and poultry pie products distributed to restaurants, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 27, because the sauces are misbranded and contain sodium benzoate, a food preservative, which does not appear on package labels and is not approved for use as an added ingredient in meat and poultry products. Original Fried Pies was informed of the problem during routine FSIS verification. The products were produced between April 27 and October 27, and distributed for use in restaurants in Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/sauces-recalled-due-to-misbranding/>

Sandwich recall expanded over Listeria concern. Landshire of St. Louis has significantly expanded its recall of Nike sandwiches that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported October 27. The company's initial recall of 1,751 cases of sandwiches, announced October 20, has now been increased to 17,305 cases, including the Nike Super Poor Boy Sandwich as well as more production dates of the Nike All-American Sandwich. The sandwiches were distributed nationwide at convenience stores, wholesale food distributors, and retail supermarkets. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/sandwich-recall-expanded-over-listeria-concern/>

Wegmans recalls pine nuts sold in 5 states. Wegmans Food Markets is recalling 5,000 pounds of pine nuts sold in the bulk foods department of its stores in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, and Maryland between July 1 and October 18, citing possible salmonella contamination, WTXF 29 Philadelphia reported October 27. The grocer said the pine nuts, imported from Turkey by Sunrise Commodities, have been linked to an outbreak of gastrointestinal illness from salmonella. The recall only applies to Turkish pine nuts sold in bulk. The recall was initiated as a result of a multi-state outbreak investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wegmans has 79 supermarket stores in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Source:

<http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/health/wegmans-recalls-pine-nuts-sold-in-5-states>

(Texas; Louisiana) Allergy alert: Carne guisada with soy. A Texas company is recalling about 22,100 pounds of frozen carne guisada distributed to restaurants in Texas and Louisiana because the product contains soy, a known allergen, which is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 25. Supreme Meat Purveyors of San Antonio recalled the carne guisada after an FSIS inspector discovered the error during an in-plant label review. The case label lists "beef base" as an

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ingredient. Soy, an ingredient in the beef base, is not listed as an ingredient. The recall is for cases containing two, 5-pound bags of frozen Carne Guisada. The product was produced on various dates from October 25, 2010 to October 19, 2011. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-carne-guisada-with-soy/>

Three more deaths in growing Listeriosis outbreak. Cantaloupe-related listeriosis has killed three more people and infected another 10, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported October 25. In the 12th update since the multistate outbreak of listeriosis linked to whole cantaloupes from Colorado's Jensen Farms began, CDC said a total of 133 people were infected with at least one of the four outbreak associated strains of *Listeria monocytogenes* that have been reported from 26 states. With three additional fatalities, the death toll in the outbreak is also still growing and has reached 28. Colorado, Kansas, and New York have each suffered one additional death since the CDC's last update. Colorado has had the most deaths with seven, and the overall fatality rate stands at 21 percent. Because of reporting delays, CDC said it may be difficult to tell when the outbreak will be considered over. Currently, no cases after September 28 are included in the tally so the outbreak numbers may continue to grow. The cantaloupe contamination is believed to have occurred in the Jensen Farms packing house. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found outbreak strains on the packing equipment and in pooled water on the floor. It faulted the operation for lapses in basic sanitation practices. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/three-more-deaths-reported-in-growing-listeriosis-outbreak/>

Fish products recalled over botulism fears. A company based in Markham in Canada has launched a massive recall of its fish products because they may be contaminated with the bacteria that cause botulism, Toronto City news reported October 26. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Mannarich Food Inc. announced the recall October 25, which includes 32 products that may be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*. The vacuum-packed, refrigerated, ready-to-eat processed fish products have a best before date up to and including December 16. They were sold nationally under the Mannarich Food and Ocean Chinese Food Products labels. Source: <http://www.citytv.com/toronto/citynews/life/health/article/163714--fish-products-recalled-over-botulism-fears>

(California; Nevada; Arizona) Bagged spinach recalled for Listeria. The Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market chain is recalling certain fresh bagged washed spinach sold early in October in its stores in California, Nevada, and Arizona because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported October 25. A random sample test, conducted on behalf of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, found one bag of the spinach was confirmed to be positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. The recalled spinach was sold in 12-ounce plastic bags. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/bagged-spinach-recalled-for-listeria/>

(Georgia; Florida) Frozen egg product recalled for Salmonella. A Georgia company is recalling five pound cartons of frozen egg product because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella*, Food Safety News reported October 25. American Egg Products said the recall was initiated as a

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result of a routine sampling by a private laboratory that revealed the finished product contained Salmonella. The company said it has ceased distribution and is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to identify the cause of the problem. American Egg Products Frozen Egg Product comes in 5-pound paper cartons. The recalled egg product was distributed in Georgia and Florida and sold to three distributors and/or further food manufacturers.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/frozen-egg-product-recalled-for-salmonella/>

(California) Salmonella spinach recall in California. Church Brothers is recalling 560 bags of clipped spinach after one bag tested positive for Salmonella during a random U.S. Department of Agriculture Microbiological Data Program sampling, Food Safety News reported October 22. The recalled bagged spinach was processed October 6 and shipped to Super King Markets in Los Angeles, where it was available for sale beginning October 7. The recalled 2.5-pound bags of clipped spinach were in clear packaging and have a best-by date of October 23. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/spinach-recall-in-california-due-to-salmonella/>

Listeria test prompts sandwich recall. Landshire of St. Louis, Missouri, is recalling 1,751 cases of Nike All-American sandwiches because they may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, Food Safety News reported October 22. Routine sampling by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for retail food establishments detected the problem. The recalled sandwiches were distributed nationwide to retail supermarkets. The recalled Landshire Nike All-American sandwich is 7.25 ounces and individually wrapped in a white package. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/listeria-test-prompts-sandwich-recall/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Oregon) Feds say Ore. man found with gun, sniper book at football game had made threats in high school. An Oregon man facing charges that he had a loaded pistol at a high school after a football game had written a note on a desk when he was in high school saying he wanted to kill as many teachers and students as he could, according to federal court documents filed October 27. The 1999 note was cited in documents filed in federal court by the prosecutors. "The defendant's father stated that he believed his son needed mental help and counseling, and that he had concerns about the paraphernalia that he was collecting and reading," prosecutors wrote. "Defendant has a history of threatening behavior and this most recent case is an escalation and is most concerning for public safety." Court documents said police provided a report about contacting the suspect in January 1999 after he admitted writing a note on a classroom desk that read, "I want to take a gun to school and blow away the faculty. When I am done with that, I'll systematically kill every student I can." Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/feds-say-ore-man-found-with-gun-sniper-book-at-football-game-had-made-threats-in-high-school/2011/10/27/gIQAXgGXNM_story.html

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(District of Columbia) Federal gov. website 'glitch' compromised college students' social security numbers. Private financial information belonging to as many as 5,000 college students was open for viewing on a federal government student loan Web site in recent weeks, according to a senior U.S. Department of Education (ED) staff member, the Daily Caller reported October 28. The Chief Operation Officer of Federal Student Aid at the ED, said during a congressional hearing October 18 that a "computer glitch" during the month of October allowed users who logged in to the Web site to see other students' information including Social Security numbers instead of their own. The Web site, he said, was affected for about 6 or 7 minutes. The ED, she added, shut down the site for 48 hours, and immediately notified students who might have been impacted. Source: <http://dailycaller.com/2011/10/25/federal-gov-website-glitch-compromised-college-students-social-security-numbers/>

Gunman fires at U.S. embassy in Bosnia. A gunman fired on the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia October 28 in a 30-minute assault blamed by state television on a radical Islamist from neighboring Serbia, Reuters reported. The gunman was wounded by a police sniper during the attack in Sarajevo's busy downtown, in which a police officer was seriously wounded and shop workers scrambled for cover. Bosnian television identified the man who was carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle, as a Serbian citizen. It said he had been visiting a community of hardline Islamists in northern Bosnia. The Muslim member of Bosnia's tripartite presidency, condemned the attack, saying the United States was a "proven friend" of Bosnia. A police spokesman said the gunman had been taken to a hospital for treatment, but that his injuries were not life-threatening. Embassy officials said the building had gone into "lockdown" during the assault, and no one in the embassy had been hurt. The police spokesman said one police officer was seriously wounded. He said police believed the gunman had acted alone, but that the investigation would reveal more. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/28/us-bosnia-usa-embassy-idUSTRE79R3E920111028>

U.S. Energy Department networks' weak security invite cyber-attacks: audit. According to an inspector general report released October 24, the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) continued to have serious network security issues for the second year in a row and is regularly hit by cyber-attackers, costing the federal government over \$2 million. An annual review of the Department of Energy's unclassified networks revealed a number of security issues, including weak access controls, improper patching strategy, and poor employee training, according to a report from the department's inspector general. Tests at 25 DoE facilities, including headquarters, revealed 32 previously unidentified vulnerabilities. The audit also found that security problems had increased by 60 percent in 2011 on DoE computer networks, compared to the number found during the 2010 audit. Only 11 out of the 35 issues identified in the 2010 report had been addressed, the report found. Source: [http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/US-Energy-Department-Networks-Weak-Security-Invite-CyberAttacks-Audit-358273/?kc=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+RSS/eweeksecurity+\(eWEEK+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/US-Energy-Department-Networks-Weak-Security-Invite-CyberAttacks-Audit-358273/?kc=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+RSS/eweeksecurity+(eWEEK+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

(North Carolina) 2 in custody in NC high school shooting. Two teenagers were in custody in the shooting of a 15-year-old fellow student who was wounded in the neck during a lunch period

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outside her North Carolina high school, the Associated Press reported October 24. The two teenage suspects and the victim attend Cape Fear High School in Fayetteville, the Cumberland County sheriff said. Both suspects participated in the shooting and were being questioned, he said. The teenager who was shot was in stable condition after surgery. The sheriff said she was standing in a breezeway outside the school cafeteria when she was shot. The older suspect is scheduled to appear in court October 25, while the 15-year-old will go to juvenile court, a sheriff's office spokeswoman said. The sheriff said the two teens were apprehended with the help of surveillance video that showed them carrying the rifle inside the school. The suspects were either in the hallway with the door open or outside the breezeway where the victim was walking. While the high school has metal detectors, the sheriff said he did not know if they were used on a daily basis at the school. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g9oHpgRNA0lysbvL2TBb9FYocYAQ?docId=cf6754d2b45f4d3d990e52fb07328d40>

US pulls envoy out of Syria over security concerns. The United States pulled its ambassador out of Syria over security concerns, blaming the Syrian president's regime for the threats that made it no longer safe for him to remain, the Associated Press reported October 24. The U.S. Ambassador returned to Washington, D.C. the weekend of October 22 after the U.S. received "credible threats against his personal safety in Syria," a State Department spokesman said October 24. He has been the subject of several incidents of intimidation. The spokesman said the U.S. embassy will remain open in Damascus, and that the threats were specifically directed toward the Ambassador. His return is conditional on a U.S. "assessment of Syrian regime-led incitement and the security situation on the ground," the spokesman said. An American official said there were no plans to expel the Syrian ambassador in Washington in retaliation. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g5tSJb-umVkn-EtlwrhnCn8oqaPw?docId=4933f274533342e9bf36d075118df063>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Facebook spammers trick users into sharing anti-CSRF tokens. Symantec researchers have spotted a new Facebook spamming technique they expect to be used a lot in the near future. Scammers make the victim's account post messages by executing a Cross-site Request Forgery (CSRF) attack after the victim has been tricked into sharing her anti-CSRF token generated by Facebook. Once they have the anti-CSRF token, the crooks can generate a valid CSRF token, which allows them to re-use an already authenticated session to the Web site to post the offending message unbeknownst to the user. The attack begins with a typical message inviting users to see an "amazing video" or similar content. A click on the link takes the user to a fake YouTube page, and when he wants to see the video, a window pops up telling him he must pass the "Youtube Security Verification". When he clicks on the Generate Code link, a request is sent to 0.facebook.com/ajax/dtsg(dot)php, which returns JavaScript code containing the session's anti-CSRF token in a separate window. After the user has copied and pasted the generated code into the empty field and pressed the "Confirm" button, he has sent the code to the attacker who extracts the anti-CSRF token, creates a CSRF token and inserts his own piece of code that

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executes the CSRF attack and posts the malicious message and link on the user's Facebook Wall. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11857>

Cisco warns of remote code flaw in Security Agent software. Cisco is advising administrators to update systems following the discovery of a remote code execution vulnerability in Security Agent 6.0, V3.co.uk reported October 27. The flaw could allow an attacker to remotely target the Oracle Outside component for the Fusion Middleware platform to access the Cisco software on Windows systems. Cisco said in a security advisory successful exploitation would allow the attacker to execute code and control the targeted system with administrator rights. Cisco has released a free patch and is advising customers to obtain the Cisco Security Agent 6.0.2.151 fix through their service provider or hardware retailer. No other mitigations for the vulnerability are known. Proof-of-concept code for the flaw has been posted, but Cisco has not received any reports of the vulnerability being exploited in the wild. No other products or components are believed to be affected. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2120369/cisco-warns-remote-code-flaw-security-agent-software>

Exploit-powered Android Trojan uses update attack. IDG News Service reported October 25 a new variant of the DroidKungFu Android Trojan is posing as a legitimate application update to infect handsets, according to security researchers from F-Secure. Distributing Android malware as updates is a new tactic first seen in July. The primary method of infecting handsets continues to be bundling of Trojans with legitimate applications; however, the resulting apps are easy to spot because of the extensive permissions they request at installation time. According to security researchers, the new update-based attacks can have a higher success rate than "Trojanizing" apps, because users don't tend to question the legitimacy of updates for already-installed software. Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/102511-exploit-powered-android-trojan-uses-update-252374.html?source=nww_rss

MyBB downloads were infected. In a blog posting, the MyBB development team confirmed the download package for version 1.6.4 of MyBB had been modified to include malicious code, H Security reported October 25. Unknown attackers were able to exploit a vulnerability in the MyBB Web site's content-management system to inject and execute PHP code. The attackers placed a contaminated version of MyBB, containing a backdoor, on the server. It is unclear exactly when the hack took place, meaning all downloads of 1.6.4 prior to October 6 could be affected. Users with MyBB systems are advised to check their installations and apply a patch. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/MyBB-downloads-were-infected-1366300.html>

New DOS tool overloads SSL servers with ease. A newly released denial-of-service (DOS) tool can be used to bring down SSL servers using an average laptop computer and a standard DSL connection, IDG News Service reported October 25. The hacking outfit known as THC decided to release the tool, called THC-SSL-DOS, now because it was leaked online a few months ago. Even without SSL renegotiation enabled, attackers can use THC-SSL-DOS successfully against servers. However, such attacks would require more than a single laptop. Source:

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[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221165/New DOS tool overloads SSL servers with ease](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221165/New_DOS_tool_overloads_SSL_servers_with_ease)

Microsoft YouTube channel hacked. A week after the official Sesame Street YouTube channel was compromised and started offering adult content to children, Microsoft's official YouTube channel was hacked by an unknown individual who removed all the videos and changed the accompanying text to say: "Wish to Become Sponsored? Message me." According to The Hacker News October 23, in the short time that the channel was compromised, the perpetrator uploaded four short clips/advertisements and offered insight into how he managed to hijack the channel. Apparently, he created this particular account in 2006, likely before Microsoft even thought about it, and before the company asked YouTube to delete the account so that it may register it. The channel is now back in Microsoft's hands and is up and running again.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11829&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11829&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(Tennessee) Arson inmate gets sentence cut, could be free soon, helping train forestry investigators. A man who confessed to setting dozens of forest fires in Tennessee will be getting out of prison early for helping train forestry officials, the Associated Press reported October 28. The man's mandatory minimum sentence of 7 years was cut to 5 years October 27 by a federal judge, who cited the inmate's cooperation in demonstrating his firebug skills to the U.S. Forest Service. The man pleaded guilty earlier in 2011 to setting two fires that burned 26 acres of timber on Black Mountain in the Cherokee National Forest in March 2007. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/ef23c39cfce24838be508e9d6be43869/TN--Arson-Sentence-Cut/>

US appeals court upholds roadless rule in forests. A federal appeals court October 21 upheld a rule prohibiting roads on nearly 50 million acres of land in national forests across the United States, a ruling hailed by environmentalists as one of the most significant in decades. Mining and energy companies, however, said it could limit development of natural resources such as coal, oil, and natural gas. Supporters of the roadless rule said the court's decision preserves areas where outdoor enthusiasts like to hunt, fish, hike, and camp. It also protects water quality and wildlife habitat for grizzly bears, lynx, and Pacific salmon, they say. The U.S. Forest Service currently manages more than 190 million acres of land used for multiple purposes that must comply with strict rules on land use changes spelled out in the federal Wilderness Act and National Environmental Policy Act. Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/US-appeals-court-upholds-roadless-rule-in-forests-2230654.php>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Nothing Significant to Report

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PUBLIC HEALTH

(Florida) **Man attempts to rob pharmacy with 'bomb'.** Charlotte County, Florida, deputies were trying to identify a man who attempted to rob a pharmacy by saying someone had forced him to commit the robbery and he had a bomb strapped to his body, according to reports. The man went into a pharmacy around midnight October 26 and handed the clerk a note demanding Oxycontin, Roxicodone, Xanax, and several other drugs. The man left the store without any of the drugs. Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/story/15891401/2011/10/27/man-attempts-to-rob-pharmacy-with-bomb>

Unvaccinated people affected by largest measles outbreak in years, USA. Medical News Today reported October 21 that the president of the Infectious Disease Society of America said 2011 has seen a considerable increase in reported measles cases in Canada and the United States, and that the vast majority of people who became ill were not vaccinated. One source of outbreaks has occurred through unvaccinated Americans traveling abroad to Europe or other parts of the world, and then coming back and infecting others whom are also unvaccinated. Infected foreign tourists coming into the United States are also a source of infection for unvaccinated Americans. The current measles outbreak is the largest in the United States for 16 years. So far this year, there have been 212 reported cases of measles, of which 68 have been admitted to hospitals; at least 12 had developed pneumonia, says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 86 percent of infected individuals this year were unvaccinated. Some 27 cases involved infants less than 12 months old. In 47 percent of imported cases, a U.S. resident was returning from Europe. In some parts of Europe, vaccination rates are much lower than in the United States, and there is a serious ongoing measles outbreak. Health authorities said prompt public health response efforts have stemmed the spread of the outbreak. Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/236401.php>

Lethal medical device hack taken to next level. The wireless hacking of an insulin pump, first demonstrated at the Black Hat 2011 conference in August, has been taken a step further October 21. An insulin pump has been hacked and instructed to deliver a lethal dose without first knowing the device's ID number. Modern pumps are designed to communicate wirelessly with blood glucose measuring devices and the pump's configuration software. The August hack by an IBM cyber threat intelligence analyst required knowledge of the pump's six-digit ID, although that number could potentially be obtained by brute-force guessing or through social engineering. However at the Focus 11 conference in Las Vegas, a McAfee research architect showed how the device ID could be obtained wirelessly — something easier than it should be because the wireless link has no encryption and no authentication. The transmission range is usually only a few feet, but the researcher had constructed a high-gain antenna to boost the range. Within seconds of activating his scanning software, he had obtained the target device's ID number and gained control. Source: <http://www.cso.com.au/article/404909/#closeme>

TRANSPORTATION

Buckhead man tries to open door during Delta flight. A Delta Air Lines flight from Las Vegas was grounded October 23 when a man from the Buckhead area of Atlanta, returning home, tried to open the cabin door while in flight, officials said. The passenger, age 60, was charged with crimes aboard an aircraft and felony interfering with a flight crew, both federal offenses. Around 1:50 p.m., the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was notified the passenger became disruptive on Flight 1702, a TSA spokesman said. About an hour into the flight, an FBI spokesman said the passenger, who was sitting in one of the emergency exit seats, tried to open the emergency latch to the door over the wing. The plane was at a cruising altitude of more than 30,000 feet when the incident occurred. Another passenger was seated several rows behind the aisle where he was seated, but could see a crowd gathered around him. "It seemed that he retreated, and the passengers backed off," she said. "But he made a second run for it, and a big group of guys tackled him." She said the passenger was on the ground for about 40 minutes as passengers subdued him and the plane returned to its departure point. A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said the emergency doors will not open while the cabin is pressurized in flight. The flight returned safely to McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, where the passenger was arrested by the FBI. The plane took off again, arriving in Atlanta at 7:05 p.m. Source: <http://www.aic.com/news/buckhead-man-tries-to-1209075.html>

(Utah) TSA agents discover land mine packed inside bag. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) baggage checkers discovered four land mines tucked inside of a passenger's checked bag at Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City, the week of October 10. Airport officials said someone doing military training decided to take them as a souvenir. A TSA spokeswoman said the devices set off the airport's explosive detector and officials had to clear the area and delayed four flights for about 19 minutes. Crews determined the land mines were benign and removed them from the bag. No one was arrested. However, the spokeswoman said TSA officials wanted to remind passengers that land mines are among the prohibited items not allowed on airplanes. Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52761036-78/airport-bag-mines-officials.html.csp>

(District of Columbia) Fighter jets intercept 2 aircraft in D.C. area. Two civilian aircraft were intercepted by the military October 22 in separate incidents in the skies over the Washington, D.C. region, authorities said. The interceptions, made by fighter jets in both incidents and a helicopter in one, were directed by the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), officials said. The interceptions were at least the 11th and 12th in the Washington and Camp David areas in about 6 months. The first incident came at 9:45 a.m. when two Air Force F-16s intercepted a civilian aircraft that was out of radio communication, NORAD said. Communication was regained and the aircraft proceeded to its original destination, it said. In the second incident, NORAD said an F-16 and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter intercepted an aircraft about 11 a.m. in restricted airspace. The aircraft was escorted from the restricted area and allowed to go on its way. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/jets-intercept-aircraft-in-dc-area/2011/10/22/gIQAUPT87L_story.html

WATER AND DAMS

(Illinois) IEPA releases well contamination information. A press release from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) issued the week of October 17 said four wells on Rockford, Illinois' west side were found to have high levels of volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) in their water. "Benzene contamination and other chemicals typically found in fuels such as gasoline were discovered in private wells in June 2011 in the northwest portion of Rockford," the release stated. It said the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) collected samples from private wells on three occasions in June, August, and September after being informed of fuel-like odors. The IEPA originally notified the Rock River Times that the agency would collect water samples independently of the WCHD and IDPH for the last round of samples. Benzene concentrations in four of the wells tested west of the Amerock plant were greater than the recommended comparison value for safe drinking water. The IEPA release also stated: "Illinois EPA plans to use a geoprobe, which is a type of drilling equipment mounted on a small truck, to find out more about the groundwater." The IEPA release stated "recent sampling results from 10 private wells in the area included samples from four homes that had not been tested before. In four wells, benzene was detected at levels greater than the MCL (maximum contaminant levels) comparison value. IDPH has contacted those well owners and provided guidance about well water use." Source: <http://rockrivertimes.com/2011/10/26/iepa-releases-well-contamination-information/>

(Washington) Condit Dam to be breached Wednesday. The breaching of the 125-foot-tall hydroelectric, Condit Dam near Vancouver, Washington, will take place October 26, and state, federal, and tribal officials were working to prevent mishaps as the White Salmon River bursts through a 12-foot-by-18-foot tunnel. A huge surge of released water and sediment is expected to rush downstream to the river's mouth and all the way to the Columbia River's Bonneville Dam. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is lowering the water behind that dam by 2 feet to make room for the added volume. Roads, waterways, and airspace near the dam will be closed in the hours leading up to the breaching, which is scheduled for noon. Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2011/oct/23/condit-dam-breach-preparing-for-the-surge-safety-a/>

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